specific approval of the Govt. in case to case basis.

Reforms in PSUs

4964. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of public sector reforms Government have to give off some major public sector undertakings, including the HMT Limited and organise them into more than one independent units;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of these are being injected with foreign collaborations;

(c) if so, what are the details of such units and the arrangements being made in respect of each of them; and

(d) with what objective in view these reforms are being introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) Restructuring studies were conducted in case of three PSEs namely, Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd., Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd., and HMT Ltd. The World Bank had provided Japanese grants for restructuring studies of these PSEs. The basic objectives of restructuring include regrouping of the activities of the holding companies, augmentation of business activity to result in boosted turnover, reduction of surplus manpower and adoption of VRS schemes, setting up of industrial re-conversion fund for the identified redundant plants and attainment of global standards in capital goods etc.

Projected increase in industrial growth

4965. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the projected increase in industrial growth for the year 1994-95;

(b) what are the actuals presently; and

(c) what was the target set for the same during 1993-94 and the actual performanes achieved thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) As per be quick estimates of Index of Industrial Production, the overall rate of growth of Industrial Production during April-December, 1993 is 2.4% over the corresponding period last year. The target for overall industrial rates of growth are not fixed by the Government on an annaul basis and no target hag been projected for the likely industrial growth during 1994-95.

साबुन निर्माताओं पर उत्पाद शुल्क का प्रभाव

4966. श्री राम जेठमालानी :

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बड़ी संख्या में इकाइयां बिजली का उपयोग किये बिना साबुन और डिटरजेन्ट पाउडर बना रही हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इन इकाइयों को गत वर्षों के दौरान खादी और ग्राम उद्योगों की तरह कुटीर उद्योगों की श्रेणी में रखा गया था,

(ग) क्या वर्ष 1994-95 के केन्द्रीय बजट में उक्त इकाइयों द्वारा उत्पादित उत्पादों पर भी उत्पाद-शुल्क लगा दिया गया है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इन उत्पादों पर उत्पाद-शुल्क लगाने से अर्थव्यवस्था और इन इकाइयों के प्रबन्ध पर भी प्रभाव पड़ेगा,

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है, और

(च) क्या इस साबुन और पाउडर उत्पादक उद्योग को मौजूदा वित्तीय संकट से उबारने के लिये इन इकाइयों को सुविधाएं प्रदान कराने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) देश भर में फैले